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On 29 March 1952.

a conference to be held at the

Oranienburg towahall on 1 April. The conference [redacted] attended by Engineer 25X1
Mass (Inu) of the Directorate General, Motor Traffic and Roads, Berlin; Herr
Gotschke (Inu), chief of the Bau Union firm in Potsdam; Herr Panderbaum (Inu), ex-
pert for road construction work at the Bau Union firm in Potsdam; the chief of the
Bau Union in Berlin, [redacted] man of the Bau 25X
Union in Berlin, expert in road construction work; Herr Klein (Inu), owner of a
road construction firm in Leipzig; and Herr Seidel (Inu), owner of a road con-
struction firm in Velten, [redacted] the Soviet Occupation Army 25X1
had ordered the Bernau-Mandlitz-Sensickendorf-Oranienburg-Termendorf-Schwante-
Krems-Staffelde-Boernicke-Mauen highway to be improved. This highway, which is
5 meters wide and whose surface is in good condition, was to be enlarged to
7.20 meters and made capable of a continuous load of 80 tons, and the curves were to
be graded so that a speed of 100 km/h could be maintained. The project was to be
completed by 1 November 1952. The specifications which were established by the
Soviets require that 30 percent of the highway be reconstructed. About 310,000 tons of
construction materials, which are needed for the project, were to be sent to the
construction sites without delay. The Automobile Transport Company (ATG) was ordered
to requisition, in Land Brandenburg, 150 trucks and trailers for the shipment of the
construction materials from the railroad stations to the construction sites on the
highway. [redacted] the financing of the project was guaranteed. All the
workers involved were to be paid the highest wage category. The Bau Union firms in
Berlin and Potsdam, the Seidel, Klein and a firm in Gnestrow were assigned special
sections of the highway. The execution of the project will be controlled by the
Directorate General, Motor Traffic and Roads, represented by engineer Mass in Oranien-
burg. A conference on the progress of construction work on the highway concerned will
be held every Tuesday in Oranienburg. *

* Comment. Plans for the improvement of this bypass north of Berlin which will be about 65 m long are reported for the first time. The rail bypass around the northern section of the Berlin Outer Freight Ring, outside the Western Sector, was opened to traffic on 6 May 1950, and this planned road bypass will completely eliminate the necessity of any use of Western Berlin for road traffic. It appears that the bypass will be built to meet stricter requirements as to the width and load capacity of road bridges.

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